

ROCKLAND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
ROCKLAND TOWN HALL  
ROCKLAND, MA 02370  
January 7th, 2015

In attendance at January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Finance Committee meeting were Eric Hart, Bob McDonald, Jamie Parda, Mike O'Loughlin, Rick Dunham, Ken Tocchi, Bill Allen, Rich Penney, and John Pumphrey. Julie Shaffer, Joe Gambon, Bill Principe, and Jesse McSweeney were absent.

The meeting was brought to order at 7:02pm by Chairman Mike O'Loughlin. He read aloud that the meeting was being recorded and could be reproduced.

**Transfer Requests:** There were two transfer requests at this meeting.

1. Request to transfer \$7812.79 from Reserve Fund to Fire Dept. A motion was made by Bill A. and seconded by Rich P. A vote of 8-0 in favor was taken.
2. Request to transfer \$10500 from Reserve Fund to Town Hall to replace 2 heating/AC units. A motion was made by Bill A. and seconded by Rich P. A vote of 8-0 in favor was taken.

**Meeting:**

- Chairman Mike O'Loughlin laid out the tentative calendar for the upcoming department budget preparations.
  - School Department on 1/21/15 @ 6:30
  - Fire Department on 1/28/15 @ 6:30
  - Police on 2/4/15 @ 6:30
  - Library on 2/18/15 @ 6:30

**Committee Reports:**

- School Department:
  - Rich P. met with John Retchless. School Department is looking for salary increases in the range of \$600K as well as \$600K in other improvements (\$1.2M in total).
  - The school departments revolving account is near empty.
  - The school choice program is creating some revenue for the department and they are also looking into a student exchange program with China.
  - Kindergarten enrollment is strong.
  - The Lincoln street school building is currently being sold. An offer has been made on the building.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04

Respectfully,

Richard Dunham,  
Finance Committee Secretary